(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Domestic and foreign companies in salt production

†2478. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic and foreign companies/individuals involved in the production of salt at present;

(b) the details of per quintal cost of production of ordinary and iodised salt alongwith its export rates and domestic sale rates;

(c) the schemes being implemented by concerned factories for the welfare of the employees working in these salt factories;

(d) the extent of financial contribution being provided by Government therefor; and

(e) the number of persons rendered jobless so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There are 10, 190 domestic individuals/salt works engaged in the production of salt in the country. No foreign company/individual is engaged in the production of salt in the country.

(b) Cost of production of salt; rates of domestic sale and exports are as under:

(Rs. per Quintal)

	Cost of production (Ex-works)	Rate of Domestic Sale	Rate of Exports
Common Salt	11-40 22-	20-30 27-	25-50 32-
Iodised Salt	51	37	57

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The implementation of the various labour laws for the welfare of labour including labourers employed in the salt industry is the responsibility of the Labour Department of the respective State Governments. Office of the Salt Commissioner, an attached office of this Department is supplementing efforts of the State Governments by extending financial assistance to execute various labour welfare schemes such as educational facilities for the children of workers, health check up, construction of labour rest sheds, water supply schemes, labour housing, provision of Community Centres/recreation facilities and audio-visual aids for improving skills in production of Salt/Quality control, etc.

(d) The financial contribution being provided by the Government on labour welfare and development works is about Rs. 1.5 crore per annum.

(e) No person has been rendered jobless so far.

FDI in the State of Gujarat

2479. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), the direct foreign investment in the State of Gujarat during the last one year attracted Rs. 8,000 crore of investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main sectors in which the FDI has been received during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) During the year 2002, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals amounting to Rs. 948.49 crore (excluding ADRs/GDRs) were approved